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F. S. HALL, DIRECTOR  
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IN CHARGE OF VERTEBRATE EXHIBITS

SEATTLE, WN., August 8, 1919.

Mr. Sydney P. Noy,  
American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway and 156th,  
New York City.

My dear Noy,

Have just returned from my eastern trip; arrived in Seattle about two days ago. I must say that of all the trips I have taken, this has been the most varied and profitable. Sometime later I hope to write you in more detail regarding individual institutions and their collections. The western end of my trip was through Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and California. I had a most delightful visit at Santa Fé, where I found a very unique Art Museum, which I think would interest you very much. I later spent two days in the Grand Canyon, which is undoubtedly the most stupendous freak of nature on the North American continent. I advise you to immediately pack your grip, make your reservations, and start on a western trip and stop off at the Grand Canyon, Ariz. If you do, take a mule and go down the Hermit Trail and don't forget the "Hydrophobia Skunk." It is artistic and has a fine scent for eastern numismatic attention.

Upon my arrival, I found, on looking over my mail, a small package containing the Peace medal. I have sent the bill in to the office and you will undoubtedly hear from them in the near future. I wish that you would write me a history of this medal. That is I would like information as to the sculptor and any other information which would be interesting for public advertisement. I also wish to thank you for the several publications which you have sent on to me.

I would like to ask that you secure from Miss McAllister the recipe for her very excellent breakfast biscuits which she was so kind as to favor us with when I was there. You will remember that I fell for them. Kindly extend to her and her sisters my very best regards. I will not forget my very pleasant sojourn with your friends there.

You will remember that I advised you to take a visit to the West. I still urge you to do so at the earliest possible chance. With sincere regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

F. S. Hall

Director.

FSH:MR

September 3, 1919.

F. S. Hall, Esq., Director,  
State Museum,  
University of Washington,  
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Mr. Hall:-

I found your letter of the 8th on return from my vacation. We have also received the cheque to cover your Peace Medal.

I will ask Miss McAllister for the recipe and write you again at greater length as soon as I receive your promised letter giving further details regarding your trip. I certainly enjoyed my association with you, and wish I could start this minute on the Western trip which you advised.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.



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CURATOR OF ZOOLOGICAL EXHIBITS

SEATTLE, WN., Jan. 7, 1940.

Sydney P. Noe,  
American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway and 156th St.,  
New York City.

My dear Noe:

Many thanks for your well wishes of the season which are heartily returned. Also, extend my sincere thanks to the Misses McAllister for the recipe which they were kind enough to send me, and tell them it will be tried out at an early date.

You will remember when I was in New York I spoke to you about a friend of mine, Mr. James Wehn, a sculptor of Seattle, who was expecting to be in New York sometime after my visit there in the early summer. On account of limitation of time, he was not able to spend as much time there as he expected and was not able to get out to your museum. He has done quite a bit in historical medallion work. I was showing him, the other day, the Society publications which you were kind enough to give me, and he was very much interested in them. I wonder if it would be asking too much of you to send me duplicate copies of the following, if you have them at your disposal, for him, namely:

The Art of the Medal by Victor D. Benner,  
Medals and Publications of the American Numismatic Society,  
A Brief Word on Medals by Charles DeKay,  
Catalog of Medals, Placquet and Drawings by Signor Giovanni  
Cariati

If you could do this for me, I would be very greatly obliged.

We sent in an order to the Rudnick Paper Box Company several months ago for several hundred of the coin trays. Up to the present time we have not received any reply from them regarding the order. Would it be asking too much for you to phone the Rudnick Company and ask them about the order which the University of Washington gave them for these boxes, and let me know their reply. If you could do this favor for me it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you, and again wishing you a very happy New Year, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*F. S. Hall*

Director.

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Jan. 14, 1920.

F. S. Hall,  
Director State Museum,  
University of Washington,  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Mr. Hall:-

I was mighty glad to see your letter of the 7th and to have your New Years wishes. What are the prospects for the coming year of seeing you east?

I am sending you today copies of the pamphlets for which you ask, and I am very glad to hear of Mr. Vehn's interest in our work.

Regarding the order from the Rudnick Paper Box Company, we called them up, and learned that conditions are as follows. They have for a long time had an order from us, and so we covered the two orders at the same time. They have been having a strike in this department of their business during the past half year, and the readjustment is hardly yet complete. Neither our order nor the one for you have been begun, but they now promise to give them immediate attention, and have them ready in three or four weeks. So after the Post Office department or the express companies have added their several delays, you may hope to see your boxes sometime within the glad New Year.

We have been very busy and I am rather tired. I often think longingly of the camp about which you told us and of the convenience you have in resting there over a week-end. The Indian Museum People here are up to their neck in work arranging their material - I doubt that it will open before late in the year. If you meet any numismatic cranks, don't fail to ask them to become members of our Society. With warmest personal greetings, I am,

Yours ever and truly,

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SEATTLE, WN.. Jan. 31, 1920

Sydney P. Noe,

Broadway at 156th St.,

New York City.

My dear Noe:

I wish to thank you for the publications which you were kind enough to send on, and my friend, Mr. Wehn is very grateful indeed for them. I neglected to ask in my former letter to you if you had any extra copies of the Peace Medal, like the one you sent us. Mr. Wehn is anxious to secure one, If you still have any on hand, will you please send one on and I will remit by return mail.

I may send on to you for identification a series of coins, sometime within a month. Trusting that you may be able to assist me in this matter, I am, in haste,

Very truly,

F. S. Hall.

Director.

Dictated but not read  
FSH:MRF

February 9, 1920

Mr. F. S. Hall, Director  
State Museum  
University of Washington  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of the 31st, asking me to send a bronze Peace Medal to Mr. Wehn. This I am doing.

I received a letter from him in the same mail, but in replying I have said nothing to him about your request that we forward a Peace Medal, that is something you can arrange between you. I had a suspicion that you might have intended something of a surprise, and, therefore, have acted accordingly.

I note that you plan to send us a small lot of coins for identification. We shall be very glad to try to aid you.

I hope you are well. I have been very busy, but just now there is a little let up. I trust you are planning to come East again this summer.

Very cordially yours,

Secretary.

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HONORARY CURATOR OF ORNITHOLOGY

SEATTLE, WN., May 20, 1920.

Sydney P. Noe,  
American Numismatic Society,  
New York City.

My dear Noe:

I am enclosing a rubbing of a Five Lire Italiana of  
the Governo Provisorio di Lombardia of 1848 which a lady has left  
with ~~me~~<sup>m/</sup> to find out its monetary value. I would appreciate it  
if you can give me some idea what the coin is worth. Personally  
I do not think the coin is very rare, but I have no means of knowing.

I suppose you will be attending the Museum meeting in Washington  
this month. I am very sorry I will not be able to be present, but  
the expense is more than my exchequer will stand this summer.  
I would be very glad to have you give me the results of your own  
observations of the meeting, together with comments on the same.

Give my best regards to the Misses McAlister and oblige,

Very truly yours,

F. S. Hall.

Director.

FSH:MRF

May 28th, 1920

F. S. Hall, Esq. Director  
State Museum, University of Washington  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Hall:

I was glad to receive your letter of May 20th. It was only a day or so ago that the Misses McAlister were speaking of you at breakfast. I think the point of their enquiry took the form of wondering whether you had survived the first attempt to solve the recipe! They ask that I convey to you their cordial greetings.

No, I shall not go to Washington this year. We have just had a meeting of the Federation of Arts in New York, and the second Convention on top of that would have been more than sufficient. You will be able to secure a fairly accurate idea of the Convention from the periodical which they publish, I do not doubt.

With regard to the coin of which you enclose a rubbing, I beg to advise that the premium on this piece would seem to be very slight. It is worth perhaps \$1.50 - certainly not more than Two Dollars, the valuation being dependent upon the condition. It is the issue of the Provisional Government of 1822, and historically much more interesting than it is numismatically.

I am sorry that you are not going to be East this summer. Perhaps we can look to see you another year.

The Metropolitan Museum has arranged a very interesting exhibition to commemorate its Fiftieth anniversary. Some of the loans are very important and it would have been pleasant for you to have seen them.

I am very busy trying to get a couple of pamphlets into shape, and I sometimes wish I had recourse to copy such as yours so that I could get away for a day or so.



F. S. Hall, Esq.

May 28th, 1920

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As you know, Mr. Hahn has become a Member. Thank you very much for some of the nice things which I do not doubt you must have said to him. Do not hesitate to refer anyone who has an interest in my field to us, we shall be only too glad to be of such service as we may.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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February 8th, 1921

F. S. Hall, Esq.  
Director, State Museum  
University of Washington  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Hall:

Your letter gave me great pleasure, and I am  
very happy to know that my little booklet on boards  
has got as far as Washington and created a stir there.  
I am very glad to send you a copy under separate cover,  
and I hope that you will find it of interest.

Matters are moving very swiftly here in New York:  
so swiftly, that I cannot write you as long a letter as  
I should like.

I am planning to leave for four months in Europe in  
April 1921. It would be nice if I could meet you over  
there, but I shall look forward to seeing you in 1922  
and in doing the pleasure of going to the Metropolitan  
with you.

Tell me about your own work and plans. I shall  
be glad to give your greetings to the Misses Mc-  
Alister.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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SEATTLE, WN.. Feb. 28, 1922.

Sydney P. Noe,  
American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway and 156th St.,  
New York City.

My dear Noe:

My attention has recently been called to a Lincoln Medalion which your Society put out in 1866 as a memorial to Lincoln. This medalion has been offered to us for sale and I would like to get an approximate idea of what it is worth. I understood that the original cost was somewhere around twenty-five dollars. Of course we are not in a condition at the present time to pay any such price as that, but I would like a frank statement as to what you should consider I should pay for it. You are in a much better position to inform me in that regard than I am. We are getting up a collection of Lincolniana, that is, portraits and such, together with other things, and I would like to add this specimen to it.

Did you make your trip abroad as you planned some months ago? As I have not heard from you for some time I am not able to keep in touch with your doings, or with events in the museum world in the east. I am still hoping that you will see fit to make a trip for recreation one of these days and come out to the Pacific coast.

By the way, will you give me the address of the Misses Hallister, as I have lost it? Are you still with them? Kindly give them my best regards, with the same to yourself.

Thanking you for any information which you may be able to impart on the above, I am,

Very truly yours,

*F. S. Hall*

Director.

FSH:TRF

March 19th, 1932

F. S. Hall, Esq.  
Curator, State Museum  
University of Washington  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Hall:

Your letter of February 18th has to await my return after an absence due to tonsillitis. Please pardon the delay.

Regarding the Lincoln medallion, this sells at Ten Dollars for bronze and \$25 for silver copies, upwards. \$10.00 for a silver specimen would be too much.

Mr. Allen Wallis's address is 370 West 140th Street. I am still with them and will gladly give them your greetings.

I am intended writing you and this to congratulate you on having left the ranks of the bachelors. Have you improved your "trades" of your talents in the writing line.

Yes, I am four months absent last summer and they were very productive. I wish I could make the trip to the coast of which you speak, but I can see no prospect at the present time.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

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HONORARY CURATOR OF ORNITHOLOGY

SEATTLE, WN.. Sept. 9, 1924.

Sydney P. Noe, Secretary,  
American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway between 155th & 156th  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Noe:

My wife and I are leaving tomorrow morning for a hurried, though extended, trip east. I expect to arrive in New York from Washington on Tuesday, September 23. I am wondering if it would be possible for me to make arrangements for us to stay with the Misses McAllister, and I would appreciate it if you would phone them for me and let me know at Washington. You may address me at Washington in care of L. V. Coleman, Secretary of the American Association of Museum, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. If it is not possible to get a room at the Misses McAllister, could you direct me to a reasonably priced place in that vicinity or near Central Park. I expect to be in New York City until Saturday, September 27; a rather short visit, but as my time is so limited, that is all I feel I can allow.

Thanking you for your trouble in this matter and hoping to have the opportunity of renewing our acquaintance in the very near future, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*F. S. Hall*

Director.

FSH:MRF

September 16th, 1924

Professor F. E. Hall  
c/o L. V. Coleman, Esq.  
Amer. Assoc. of Museums  
Smithsonian Institution  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter to Mr. Roe has been opened by me in his absence. Mr. Roe is on vacation until the end of this month.

I have telephoned the Wilsons and they told me that they will be happy to have you and Mrs. Hall stay at their home (350 West 159th Street) from Tuesday, September 23rd, but suggest that you take your meals elsewhere.

Trusting that this will prove satisfactory,  
I am,

Very truly yours,

Publication Dept.

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SEATTLE, WN., February 20, 1925.

Sydney P. Noe,  
Numismatic Museum,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Noe:

I am herewith sending you a couple of old coins which have been brought in to me for identification. As I am not in a position to identify them myself, I am forwarding them on to you and ask that you assist me and also give me an approximate idea of their value.

I am enclosing stamps for insurance and postage for their return to me. Any assistance which you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

I was very sorry indeed to miss you when I was in New York in September, as I had been looking forward to seeing you and renewing our former acquaintance. However, we may make connections next time. Mr. Wehn informs me he had a very enjoyable visit with you.

With sincere regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

*F. S. Hall.*

Director.

FSH:MRF

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SEATTLE, WN.,

March 3, 1926.

Sydney P. Noe,  
American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway at 156th St.,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Noe:

I am again infringing upon your good nature by asking if you can identify and give me the approximate value of twenty-two coins which I am forwarding under separate cover.

As I am not an expert on this line and wishing to get them identified at a place upon which I can rely, I am again taking advantage of a former offer of yours to assist me whenever I needed it.

To assist in the routine I have numbered the coins and made a list which you may fill in as to the identification and value. I am also enclosing stamps for return postage and registration.

It has been some time since I heard from you, but I judge matters are going on about as usual. I was sorry to have missed you when I was in New York last year and trust to have better luck next time. I still hope to see you in the Pacific Northwest sometime, when you wish a real vacation.

With sincere regards and thanking you for this favor, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*F. S. Hall*

Director.

FSH:MRF



March 13th, 1925

F. S. Hall, Esq.  
State Museum  
University of Washington,  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Hall:

Your letter of February 20th at hand, and I was very glad to hear from you. I hope we shall not miss each other the next time you come to New York.

Of the two coins which you sent, the smaller is not gold, but brass. It is what is known as a spielmark or rechpfennig, and is a counter or token of no monetary value. They are very common in Germany. The silver piece is a Mohammedan coin called a dirhem. It was struck at Basrah in 850 A.D. by one of the Abbasid Caliphs, El-Mutawakkil. Its present value is roughly fifty cents.

I hope that this will give you the desired information.

Very truly yours,

Enc.

Secretary

March 16th, 1926

F. S. Hall, Esq.  
State Museum  
University of Washington  
Seattle, Wn.

Dear Mr. Hall:

It was a pleasure to receive your letter of March 3rd, and I am very glad indeed to aid you with the coins which you have sent. They are an interesting lot, and it need not disturb you that some of them are not genuine.

I, too, hope that you will not miss me if you come to New York this year. I have very pleasant recollections of your earlier visit.

Sincerely yours,

Librarian & Secretary

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SEATTLE, WN..

March 23, 1926.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary,  
American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway between 155th and 156th Sts.,  
New York City.

My dear Mr. Noe:

I wish to thank you for your identification of the coins which I sent on to you. I was not surprised to find that some of them were counterfeit. A Greek brought them to me to sell, but I told him that I would not purchase them unless I was sure of their authenticity. I would like to ask you whether you think they are worth taking or not and would like you to give me an idea of their approximate value, if you can. Several different Greeks have brought coins in to me and have made me rather suspicious as to their genuineness. I have a considerable collection of coins, possibly not of great intrinsic value, but still of considerable interest, and I am adding to them whenever possible, if it does not involve my pocketbook too much. A half dozen of those I sent on to you interest me, but I really have no idea as to what they are worth and I would appreciate it if you can give me a steer. I am enclosing the list to aid in the appraisal.

Can you tell me of any general work on coins, which would assist me in identification. I have a book by Ward on Greek Coins, and another small book by Rawlins, on Coins and how to know them, of which you may know, but they are not quite extensive enough for my purpose.

Again thanking you for your courtesy, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*F. S. Hall*

Director.

FSH:MRF

March 30th, 1926

F. S. Hall, Esq.  
State Museum  
University of Washington  
Seattle, Wash.

Dear Mr. Hall:

Responding to yours of March 27th, I have listed approximate prices for the coins you sent me, although it seems to me that very few of them really meet the need of your Institution. I cannot advise effectively without knowing more of what you already have, but the prices I have indicated will show you that the pieces sent us do not rank as very desirable.

As for work on coins which would assist you in identifications, I would recommend your writing to Dr. Jacob Hirsch, 31 Quai du Mont Blanc, Geneva, and asking that he place you on his mailing list for Auction Catalogues. Price lists of these Catalogues can be obtained for a dollar or so after the Sale; and with these on hand, you can get a pretty fair idea of the market value of the coins.

Certain dealers occasionally send consignments to customers when there is a reasonable prospect of sale and if they know something of what their clients need. If you have an amount which you can set aside for the purchase of coins, it may be that you could have such a consignment sent you.

Should you come to New York during the coming year, I should be glad to advise you further concerning this matter.

Very truly/yours,

Enc.

Secretary

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July 11, 1928.

Sidney P. Noe,  
American Numismatic Society,  
Broadway between 155th and 156th,  
New York City.

My dear Noe:

Again I should like to call upon your good nature. This time it is a "President Monroe Peace Treaty Medal." My correspondent says it is "in good condition, silver, 3 " across, hole in edge, has been worn about Indian's neck." Can you give the value of such a piece? If this is a genuine article I should like to get it for our collection.

I am immersed in the business of reinstallation of the collections in another building. We had hoped to open the main floor on the first of July but one thing and another has prevented our getting it ready, and now we are working against time to open as soon as possible.

What are the chances of seeing you out here this summer?

Very hastily yours,

F. S. Hall

Director.

17th July, 1928

F. S. Hall, Esq.,  
Washington State Museum,  
University of Washington

Dear Hall:

Yours of the 11th is at hand, and the chances of your seeing me in Washington this summer are considerably weaker than my chances of seeing you here. I wish I might!

Regarding the Monroe medal, much would depend on the condition. The  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inch piece sold recently for \$57.50, which was, I think, a little high. Almost all of these pieces are pierced for wearing, and this does not detract from its value. You might begin by offering \$40 for it. \$75.00 would not be excessive if it had a reputable history.

I hope this will give you the information you want.

Very cordially yours,